

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

February 11, 2003

Dear Registrant,

The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pesticide Programs is now beginning the scheduling process for our fiscal year (FY) 2004 Workplan for the Registration of Conventional, Non-Antimicrobial Pesticides. The candidate pool currently includes approximately 18 new chemicals for which U.S. registration is sought, five new chemicals with applications for import tolerances only, and over 500 new uses of previously registered chemicals. We anticipate that many of these actions can be scheduled in the FY2004 Workplan. However, some pending applications involve chemicals currently being evaluated through the tolerance reassessment process. We are unlikely to schedule those applications for review until the Agency has completed its decision-making on the already registered uses for those chemicals. Also, some applications are for active ingredients that are members of chemical classes for which exposure and/or risk issues must be addressed prior to granting registration of most new uses or new active ingredients (e.g., triazoles, N-methyl carbamates, organophosphates, certain antibiotics). Due to the need to schedule new active ingredients with sufficient lead time for evaluation of scientific data and risk estimation, the Agency has already identified several candidates for the FY2004 workplan. These candidates, identified on the attached table, were selected based on Agency and Stakeholder priorities as well as their apparent readiness for completion of review. Data packages for these chemicals have been forwarded to the Health Effects (HED) and Environmental Fate and Effects (EFED) Divisions for final screening and initiation of data review. In the next few months, the Registration Division plans to identify 9-10 more new chemical candidates for the FY2004 workplan and forward them to HED and EFED for screening and initiation of the risk assessment process. Thus, with some carryover from the FY2003 work plan, the Agency expects to have a robust FY2004 new chemical candidate pool and schedule by October 1, 2003.

We would like to ensure that we have the most current information regarding your priorities as we continue the FY2004 scheduling process for new chemicals, and initiate the process for new uses, experimental use permits (EUPs) and non-fast track (NFT) amendments. Therefore, we are asking that you again submit, by March 31, 2003, your priorities in ranked order. This is your opportunity to identify new priorities and reorder existing/previously identified priorities. Your priority list should only include applications with complete data packages which have been, or will be, submitted to the Agency no later than March 31, 2003. This is necessary so that Agency scientists can estimate how long it will take to complete the work for each priority. Where data packages are not complete, the priority will

not be scheduled until all the data are submitted, regardless of the priority given by the submitter.

As your priorities change during the coming months, you are welcome to contact the Agency with a revised priority listing. However, please bear in mind that once an application has been placed in review, it is disruptive and inefficient to terminate or delay that review for a newly identified priority. Thus, barring very unusual circumstances, applications already in review will be completed as scheduled.

In FY2004, the Agency will continue to give top priority to the scheduling of new chemicals and new uses that may serve as methyl bromide or organophosphate (OP) alternatives and/or are candidates for "reduced risk" status. For new chemicals, we have recently instituted a process change such that formal review of the "reduced risk" rationale submission occurs after the full science screen of submitted data has been completed in HED and EFED. This procedural change is intended to ensure that the priority status given to reduced risk new chemical candidates is fully supported by a robust, complete data package. The Agency is making every effort to screen all new chemical submissions in a timely manner such that this procedural change will not affect the timing of registration decisions for reduced risk submissions. Please indicate in your priority list whether you have submitted or intend to submit a methyl bromide alternative, OP alternative, and/or a reduced risk rationale for each application. Additionally, we are encouraging electronic submission of data packages and product labeling and, all other priority considerations being equal, will give some priority to scheduling of applications that take advantage of this technology. The Registration Division's goals and ranking measures for FY2004 will be the same as the ones published in PR Notices 97-2 and 98-7. If you are interested in submitting a reduced risk rationale for a new use or new active ingredient application, please contact Steve Schaible at (703) 308-9362. For more information on how to submit data packages electronically, please contact Teresa Downs ((703) 305-5363) or go to our website at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/eds/edsgoals.htm>, and for more information on how to submit electronic product labeling, please contact Tom Harris at (703) 308-9423.

For each priority submitted, the following information should be included:

1. Chemical name (ANSI Name and Trade Name)
2. Type of action (new chemical, new use, EUP, re-submission, etc.)
3. Site(s) (crops, non-crops)
4. Identification - REG#, CAS#, petition # , EUP #, file symbol (if known)
5. When data were submitted
6. What work needs to be done
7. Product manager assigned to chemical
8. All submissions must conform with the requirements of FQPA as specified in PR Notice 97-1

Priority lists should be submitted via U.S. Postal Service to:

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(via Personal/Courier Service Deliveries) to:

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(via Fax machine) to:

Steve Robbins
(703) 305-6920

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, feel free to contact Steve Robbins at (703) 305-6439 or via e-mail at Robbins.Steve@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Debra Edwards
Acting Director, Registration Division
Office of Pesticide Programs

FY2004 New Chemical Candidates for U.S. Registration
Current as of February 11, 2003

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Trade Name</i>	<i>Pesticide Type</i>	<i>Uses</i>	<i>Registrant</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1 st Quarter 2004	Cyazofamid	Ranman	Fungicide	Cucurbit Vegetables, Grape (import), Potato, Tomato	ISK Bioscience	Reduced Risk Candidate
1 st Quarter 2004	Dinotefuran	Shuriken Cockroach	Insecticide	Cotton, Leafy Vegetables, Home & Garden, Ornamentals, Turf, Public Health Uses	Mitsui	Reduced Risk Candidate; OP Alternative ; Electronic Data Submission
FY2004	Mesosulfuron methyl	Mesomax	Herbicide	Wheat	Bayer	Reduced Risk Candidate
FY2004	Penoxsulam	Penoxsulam GR/SC	Herbicide	Rice	DowAgro	Reduced Risk Candidate
FY2004	Propoxycarbazone	Olympus	Herbicide	Potato tuber group, Wheat	Bayer	Electronic Data Submission; Grower Need
FY2004	Amicarbazone	MKH(3586); Amicarbazone DF	Herbicide	Corn	Arvesta	Company Priority

FY2004 New Chemical Candidates/Import Tolerance Only
Current as of February 11, 2003

FY2004	Mepanpyrim	KIF 3535	Fungicide	Grapes (import), Tomato (import), Strawberry (import)	K-I Chemicals	Company Priority
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